

**COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)  
PROJECT NOMINATION SUBMITTAL**

Project Title: Hydrologic Restoration of Old Mermentau River from Creole Canal to Mermentau River Ship Channel

Entity/Individual Nominating: Cameron Parish Police Jury

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Total CIAP Funds Requested: \$2,600,000

Infrastructure Funds Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and Location of Project: Mermentau Basin, located at the mouth of the Mermentau Ship Channel at the Gulf of Mexico west to the Creole Canal. Restore historical mouth of old Mermentau River from the Creole Canal east to the Mermentau River Ship Channel. Dredging and spoil placement on the north side of the old river will provide an outlet for excessive water levels in the Creole marshes and provide a fresh water inflow to the area marshes.

Project Type (from CIAP fund uses): Conservation, restoration and protection of coastal area, including wetland \_\_\_\_\_

Project Justification: Since the Mermentau Ship Channel was dredged straight out to the Gulf of Mexico the old Mermentau River silted up in many places. The Creole Canal provided an outlet to the old Mermentau River for the marshes in Creole. The Creole Canal cannot allow excessive water levels out of the Creole marshes, thus creating open marsh areas.

Project Cost Share: Total State CIAP Funding



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